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SUBJECT: CONTROLLED PRESS PUBLICIZES POSSIBLE RP-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT

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1. IN MIDST OF CONTINUING PUBLICITY SURROUNDING MRS. MARCOS' TRIP TO CHINA, MANILA PRESS PUBLICIZED CABLE FROM PHILIPPINE TRADE MISSION URGING DISPATCH OF OFFICIAL TRADE MISSION AND CONCLUSION OF TRADE TREATY WITH SOVIETS. DELEGATION FROM PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES (PCI), WHICH IS NOW ENROUTE HOME AFTER TWO-WEEK STAY IN USSR, SAID RUSSIANS
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GREATLY INTERESTED IN PURCHASING COPRA, COCONUT OIL,

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LEATHER SHOES, GARMETS, TOBACCO, BAUXITE AND ZINC ORES.
IN RETURN SOVIETS URGED PHILS TO PURCHASE CHEMICAL FERTI-
LIZERS, MACHINERY, PULP AND PAPER, AND STEEL PRODUCTS. HEAD
OF PHIL DELEGATION (PCI PRESIDENT EDGARDO VILLAVICIENCO)
SAID TALKS WITH SOVIETS WERE FURITFUL AND THAT LATTER EX-
TENDED "FULL COURTESIES." VISIT WAS IN RETURN FOR SIMILAR
VISIT BY SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO THE
PHILIPPINES LAST YEAR.

2. COMMENT: PUBLICITY ACCORDED CABLE IN CONTROLLED PRESS
IS FIRST PUBLIC INDICATION THAT, AS EXPECTED, GOP IS BALANCING
RECENT MOVES TOWARD RECOGNITION OF PRC WITH EVIDENCE OF
SIMILAR FORWARD MOTION VIS-A-VIS "NORMALIZATION" WITH
SOVIETS. PRESIDENT MARCOS WELL AWARE THAT SOVIETS HAVE
BEEN EAGER FOR SOME TIME TO CONCLUDE TRADE AGREEMENT (REFTEL).
IT IS ALL THE MORE LIKELY THAT HE WILL NOW WANT TO MOVE
QUICKLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH
CHINESE HAS BEEN BILLED AS "TRADE AGREEMENT". AFTERMATH
OF FIRST LADY'S CHINA TRIP CONTINUES TO DOMINATE FRONT
PAGES, WITH HEAVY COVERAGE GIVEN TO PREPARATIONS FOR IMPLE-
MENTATION OF "TRADE AGREEMENT," INCLUDING GOVERNMENT
SPONSORED TRADE MISSION TO PEKING.
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